INFORMATION BOOKLET

AISH/ADAP & DISABILITY

ALBERTA PROSPERITY PROJECT

For You!

Thank you for taking a courageous step for the future of Alberta

The future of Alberta is OUR future—the future of our children, grandchildren, and future generations.

How is something so grand accomplished? By Albertans just like you inviting those they care about to a respectful discussion.

Many are afraid of change and of what it would look like if Albertans took more control over our own future. A lot of this hesitation is based on our natural fear of something new, but also on vague warnings from those who oppose setting Alberta free.

While Ottawa has taxpayer funded media as their mouthpiece, the people of Alberta have something stronger: relationship and community.

SO GRAB SOME TREATS AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OVER FOR A CHAT!

They may not all end up agreeing with you, but you will have planted powerful seeds and facts. We recommend an informal, friendly environment with treats provided. Present the facts but don't take it personally if it doesn't bear fruit just yet.

The following guide is intended to help make that discussion easier with topics laid out by subject. Print the pages following this one as handouts to help keep the discussion on track and for participants to take home after. If people decline an invitation to an informational get together, see if they would be willing to read this handout at home and meet you one-on-one after to discuss.

Alberta wasn't built in a day.

Alberta Prosperity Project

Dear Alberta Citizen:

First off, thank you for being here. I appreciate that you made the decision to listen and consider the reasons behind the growing sovereignty movement in Alberta. Today, we are facing a significant crossroads—a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to send a message to Ottawa about our province's future, lawfully and democratically.

But in order for the democratic process to be just, we must have an informed citizenry. That is why I chose to lead the Alberta Prosperity Project: to educate Albertans about the reality of our province's relationship to confederation and the choices we have.

Like many of you, I had never imagined I would be involved in provincial politics—I was a local business owner, father, and grandfather, proud of this country and this province. But after learning about the direction that Ottawa is taking us and the very real stakes involved, I felt there is no choice but to act out of concern for the future of my family, fellow Albertans, and our province.

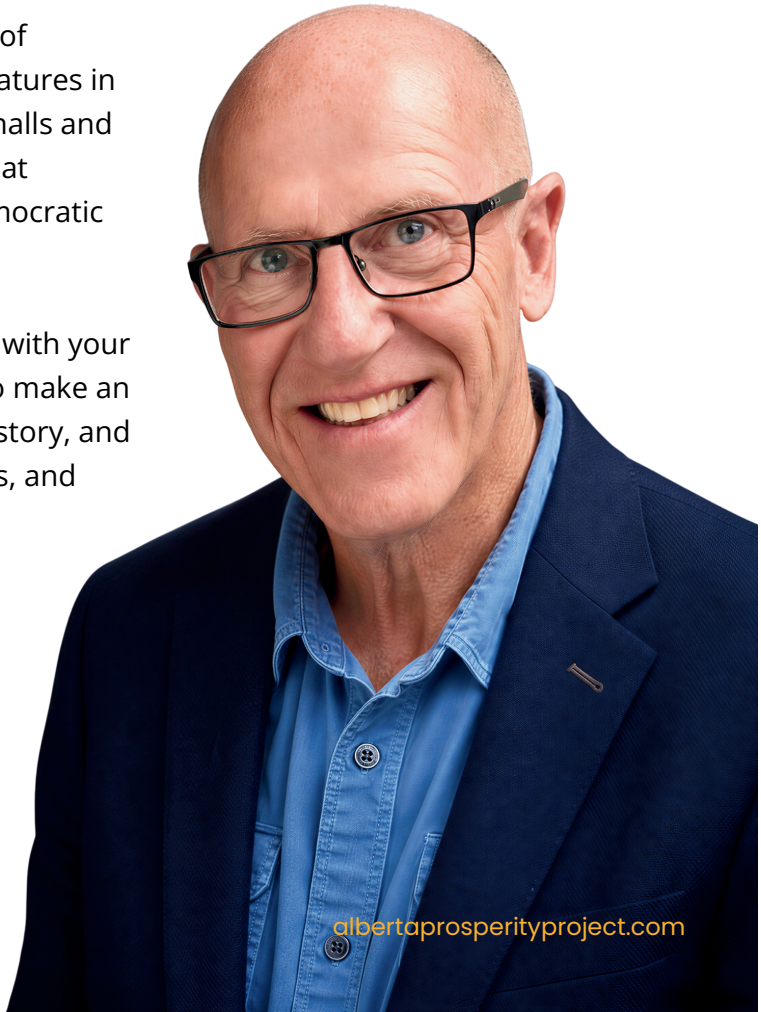
This is a grassroots movement—built by thousands of volunteers spending countless hours collecting signatures in the cold of winter, organizing and speaking at townhalls and gatherings, and creating educational materials so that Albertans can shape their own future through a democratic referendum.

I invite you to take what you learn here and share it with your friends and family so they too can be empowered to make an informed choice. This is a moment that will make history, and I believe we can secure a stronger, more prosperous, and freer Alberta for the next generation.

Let's Go!

Sincerely,

Mitch Sylvestre
CEO, Alberta Prosperity Project



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“It will be you who will determine whether or not you want to see more of your lives directed and controlled by Ottawa."

— **PETER LOUGHEED**
10TH PREMIER OF ALBERTA

“Albertans built this province with their own hands. It's time we had the right to decide our own future."

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What's everyone getting so worked up about?

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So why is there a growing movement of almost half of Albertans who want to change the status quo?

Isn't that risky? Unpatriotic? Unfeasible, even?

The following information is intended to help explain why so many are considering the future in a new light. Some of the things you read may surprise you—please feel free to research them further.

A word of caution: the mainstream media in Canada are funded by taxpayer dollars (CBC, for example, receives approximately $1.4 billion annually, with Mark Carney pledging an additional $150 million annually). If Albertan taxpayers stop funding them, they stand to lose a great deal of money. Please bear this in mind as you hear their dire predictions. They will paint those seeking change in a poor light. But you know your friends. Likely the person who shared this with you is a friend trying to reach out. They have nothing to gain by sharing this with you and may in fact be risking a rebuff. Your best research will be done by looking at numbers rather than editorial pieces by paid pundits.

To research the following information more thoroughly, please read ***The Value of Freedom*** document available at **albertaprosperityproject.com**.

Oh, Canada

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Whether we were born in Canada or chose it later,
the name “Canada” has meant something dear to us.

Oh, Canada

Love for your country is a powerful and beautiful thing.

When we think of Canada, a country that has been known for its friendliness, peacekeeping, and beautiful scenery, many Albertans feel a sense of loss.

Our love for our country is touched by a deeper sense of abandonment when we look at what Canada has become over the past several decades. We know we were privileged to live in one of the greatest countries in the world, built on strong values and a respect for our fellow Canadians. But now it grieves us to see Canada disrespecting those values.

We have been watching the direction the country has been taking and do not agree with the course that has been set. The values of the East are drifting further and further from the values of the West and the East is at the helm.

We are among the most taxed citizens in the world, with little representation to show for it. We know the results of the federal election before the votes of the West are even counted. If a Conservative leader does get in, their voter base is out East and they must always consider the East before Alberta.

When we have lived with peace and prosperity for many years, it can be hard to believe that it will fail. Throughout history, nations have changed drastically, yet it's difficult to believe it could happen here... happen now... **happen to us.**

But those seeking to forge a stronger Alberta are not doing so out of fear.

We are doing so out of hope! Many of our parents and grandparents came to Canada, leaving their own country behind. We don't view them as traitors to their country of birth. Instead, we are grateful to them for taking a clear-eyed, unsentimental look at the road ahead. They took a chance on a new way of life and risked redefining themselves to provide a better future for their children and grandchildren.

Their heritage was still a part of them, even with immigration, with many weaving a new tapestry for their children out of old threads and new.

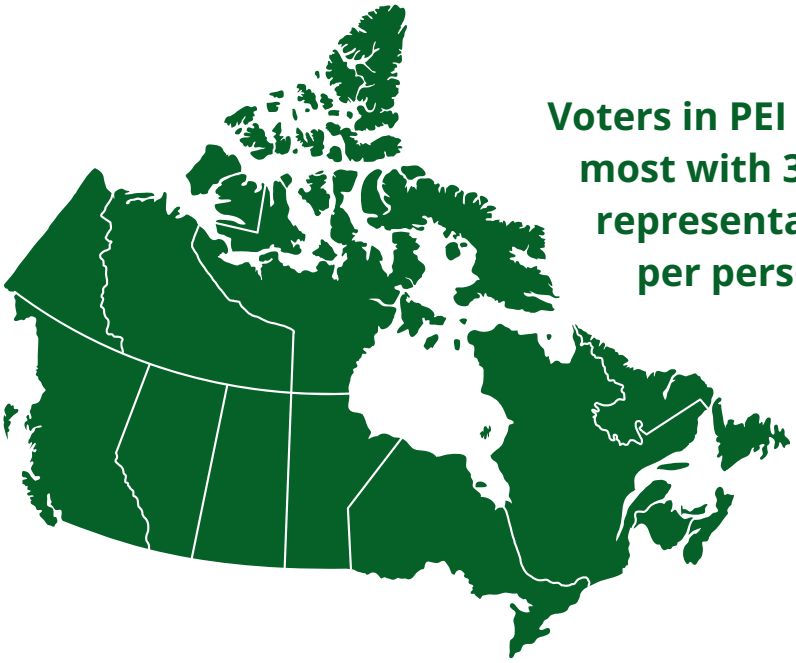
Alberta seeks to honour and foster REAL Canadian values by staying true to the values of our childhood and heritage, charting a different course from the decline of the eastern provinces.

Oh, Canada

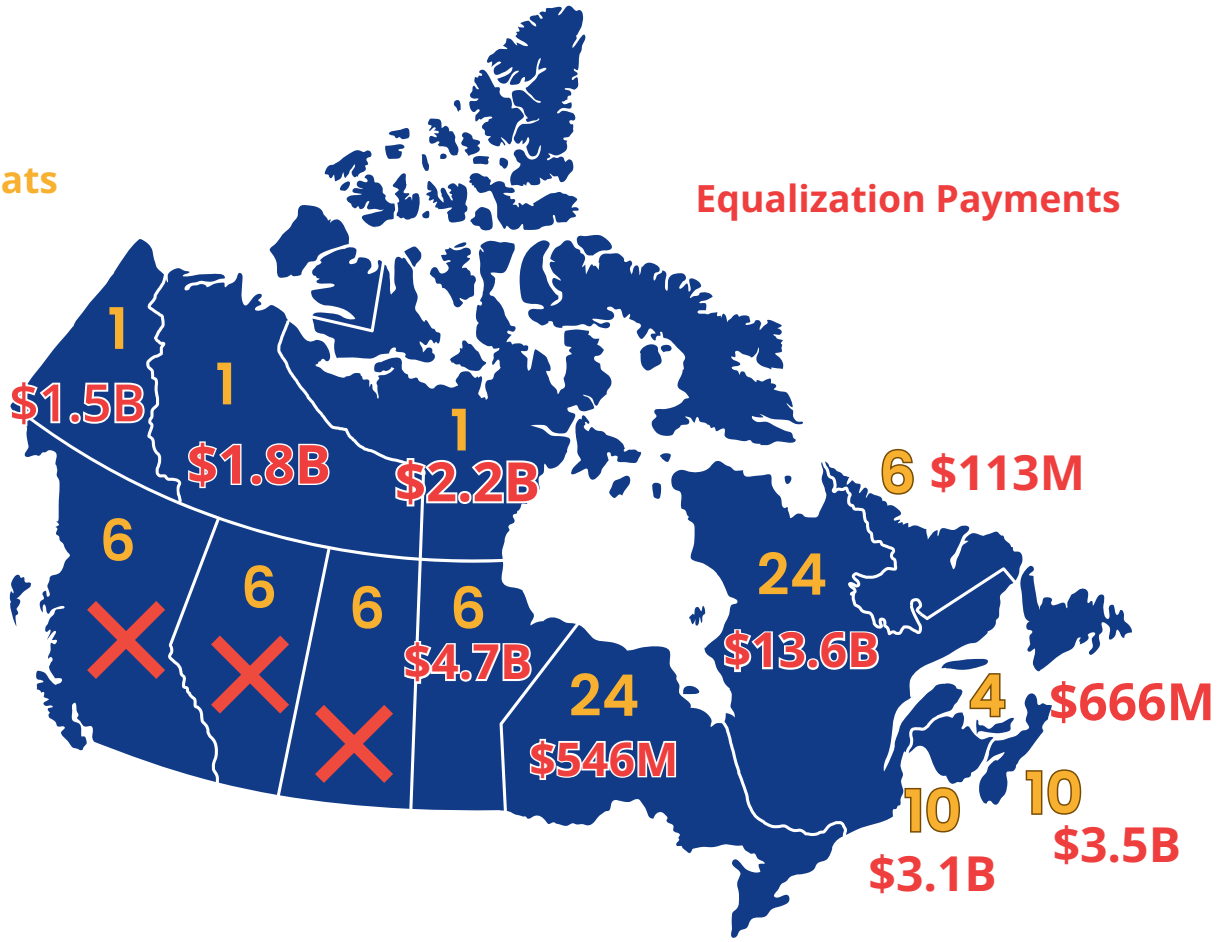
Alberta has a large average population per riding.

What does that mean?

Voters in most other provinces and territories have more voting power than an Albertan.



Voters in PEI get the most with 3x the representation per person



Oh, Canada

Alberta sends
$20-28 Billion
to support the rest of the country every year.

Alberta does not need Canada financially.

Alberta's oil revenue is fully counted when calculating Equalization payments while provinces like Quebec undercount resources allowing them to appear "poorer".

If hydropower were valued like oil, Quebec's payments could be reduced by billions.

Why doesn't Alberta simply negotiate a better deal for equalization payments or opt out entirely?

> 7 out of 10 provinces would have to have a 75% majority agreeing to it. This is extremely unlikely considering how much 7 out of 10 provinces are benefitting from equalization payments.

Protecting Benefits

Protecting Benefits
in an independent Alberta

AISH

How does AISH change if Alberta becomes independent?

Social services, including AISH, are under provincial jurisdiction. This means that Alberta already has control over these programs. There is nothing to suggest that AISH would change at all. In fact, cost analyses and spending estimates already account for current provincial spending, which includes healthcare, education, infrastructure, and social services.

What does the transition look like while negotiations with Canada are taking place?

There should not be any impacts to AISH during negotiations. AISH is a provincial program, meaning that Alberta is already responsible for how this program is funded and administered. The federal government is not involved in the administration of AISH.

What legal and fiscal guarantees ensure current AISH recipients see no interruption or reduction? Will there be grandfathering? How will negotiations with Canada protect benefits during transition?

Specific guarantees could be discussed during negotiations and transition. For example, there are already proposed guarantees to ensure that all pension payments are protected during the transition to independence. However, because AISH is already provincially funded and administered, there is nothing to suggest that there should be any interruptions or reductions for AISH recipients. In fact, with plans for greater investments into public services, it is possible that AISH payments could increase.

Financial Overview

Federal Disability Programs

For those receiving CPP-D, CDB, or other federal supports alongside AISH or ADAP what happens if those programs end or change? Will Alberta top them up fully, and at what cost to the provincial budget?

Programs like CPP-D are not dependent on you living in Canada—just like CPP, you can receive these benefits from the government of Canada even if you live in another country. Living in an independent Alberta should not be any different. CDB, in contrast, requires residence in Canada as part of its eligibility criteria; there could be impacts if Alberta became independent, although specifics would need to be negotiated during the transition.

However, through the extra revenue that an independent Alberta could have, programs like the CDB could effectively be replaced by investing more money into public services.

For example, with the Alberta Pension Plan, the expected revenue is significantly higher than for the CPP; this potentially allows for increasing disability benefits.

In the cost analyses, the cost for Alberta to pay for services that are currently federally provided is already accounted for. The goal is to ensure that Albertans maintain the same or better benefits.

Improving Quality of Life

How would independence affect accessible housing, transportation, healthcare wait times, or employment programs for disabled Albertans? Would there be new investments in provincial alternatives to federal programs?

Public services, including healthcare, education, social services, and infrastructure (including transportation) already fall under provincial jurisdiction. This means that Alberta already manages the funding and administration of these programs.

Investing in public services would be a priority for an independent Alberta to ensure shorter wait times for services and enhanced quality of life. Alberta pays $68-75 billion annually in federal taxes and only receives $22-26 billion back in federal transfers. If Alberta could retain the full amount instead of paying federal taxes, this would be a net gain of $44-47 billion every year, some of which could be used to enhance public services.

Improving Quality of Life

With a potential surplus, could AISH/ADAP rates increase, asset limits rise (currently ~$100k), or earning exemptions improve to encourage part-time work without heavy clawbacks? How would an independent Alberta index benefits to inflation/cost of living?

Specific details of how a surplus could be invested would need to be determined during the transition. There are many possibilities, but investing more money in public services has been identified as a priority. This could include more money for programs like AISH and ADAP.

In addition to investing in social services, an independent Alberta could be generally more affordable for Albertans. According to *The Value of Freedom* document, tax reductions are possible, with the potential to remove Personal Income Tax entirely, cutting average personal taxes by $18,000 annually. The expected revenue for the proposed Alberta Pension Plan is also significantly higher than for the CPP. This could allow for things like increasing CPP-D benefits as well as lowering overall CPP contribution rates.

Another identified priority area is providing free Pharmacare and dental coverage to low-income families, children, and retirees. While not directly related to disability payments, this shows that an independent Alberta is committed to making life more affordable for Albertans and ensuring that social services are maintained or improved.

How do Alberta's disability supports compare to other provinces now, and how might independence improve (or risk) that?
What lessons from other independence/secession scenarios?

The Value of Freedom document doesn't include provincial comparisons on disability support. However, with the $68–75B currently paid in federal taxes retained, investment in social services has been identified as a priority area.

Ensuring Disabled Albertans Are Heard

How does the movement ensure their voices shape policy, especially given recent provincial shifts toward "ability to work" distinctions?

The document does not mention consultation with Albertans with disabilities or support organizations specifically. However, public consultation is mentioned in relation to immigration policies. The idea is for Alberta to represent the people who live here.

Importantly, Alberta independence is not aligned with any political party. No Alberta government has represented the interests of Albertans in the way that we deserve. Recent shifts in disability funding by the provincial government are in no way associated with the Alberta Prosperity Project.

Final Thoughts

Citizenship & Travel

Anyone born in Canada will always be a Canadian citizen. 3 million Canadians currently don't live in Canada, and over 3 million have dual citizenship, including 48 MPs.

G20 Countries

IN RECESSION

Canada

NOT IN RECESSION

USA
Australia
Brazil
Argentina
China
France
Germany
India
Indonesia
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Russia
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
South Korea
Turkey
UK

Freedom of Religion & Traditional Values

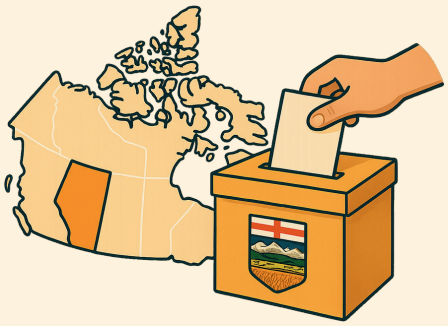
Religious **healthcare workers have raised concerns** that federal **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)** policies increasingly pressure them to participate in or refer patients for assisted dying. Many argue this conflicts with their faith and undermines their freedom of conscience. Patients who rely on faith-based healthcare providers have voiced similar concerns to what they believe are the consequences of Ottawa's steadily broadening eligibility criteria.

Many have also opposed proposals to **expand MAiD to those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness**. Critics argue that mental health struggles can often be treated and that patients should receive support and care rather than assisted death.

Many are concerned about the **continued expansion of MAiD eligibility**. Some point to cases where people have considered assisted dying because of loneliness, or financial hardship, arguing that these situations reflect **a troubling shift in Canada's approach to end-of-life care.**

Myth: "Alberta can't leave Canada—it's not legal."

FACT:
Alberta has the legal right to leave. The law is already in place!



In 1998, the Supreme Court ruled that any province has the right to pursue independence if there is a clear majority vote (that's from the landmark Reference Secession of Quebec case).

In response, **Parliament passed the Clarity Act in 2000**, confirming the same thing: if a majority of Albertans vote to leave, the federal government must negotiate our exit.

No new laws are needed. We already have the constitutional path laid out.

Myth: "Only the radical fringe want independence."

FACT: Polls regularly show 38%-45% support—we just have to choose it.

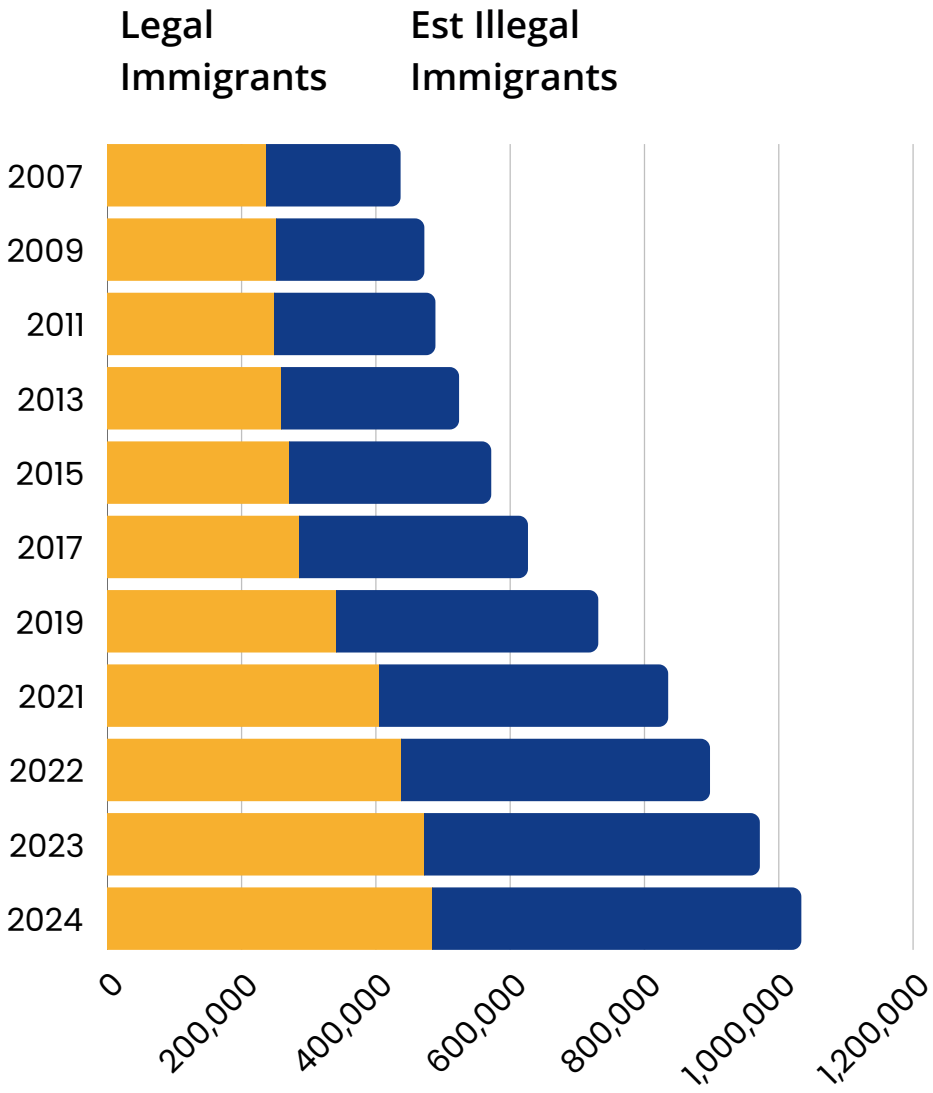
Myth: "Alberta is landlocked so it can't trade."

FACT:
Alberta already exports billions. Having more control won't block trade—it strengthens our leverage to negotiate better access with a pipeline-hostile Canadian government.

Alberta can more freely negotiate trade agreements with the US, and more. Our oil, food, and minerals give us massive leverage. We could also enjoy a mutually tariff-free relationship with the US.

Rapid Pace of Immigration and Cultural Change

Many Alberta residents, including immigrants, have expressed concerns over the federal immigration policy's ever-increasing rate as it changes the cultural fabric of communities faster than integration can accommodate.



Thank you for reading and considering the different options the future holds.

To find out more, please visit:
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